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Roseville, California

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**PLACER SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENT OF NEW COURT COMMISSIONER**

The Placer Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Albert A. Erkel of Granite Bay, California as the newest Court Commissioner, effective July 5, 2022. Mr. Erkel fills a Commissioner vacancy created due to the retirement of Commissioner John Paulsen. Commissioner Erkel will be assigned to the Gibson Courthouse in Roseville and the Historic Courthouse in Auburn, primarily hearing Family Law cases.

Mr. Erkel will be leaving his private practice and his Of Counsel role with the law firm of Garcia Hernandez Sawhney. Mr. Erkel has over 40 years of litigation experience, with emphasis in complex civil disputes, construction litigation, and employment law. Mr. Erkel has volunteered as a Temporary Judge with this Superior Court of Placer County since 2014 and previously served as the Foreperson for the Placer County Grand Juries of 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

“Mr. Erkel joins our Bench after serving for a decade in a volunteer capacity with the Placer County Grand Jury and as a Temporary Judge in our court. With his extensive civil litigation and negotiation background, and as a Placer County resident of more than 30 years, Mr. Erkel is well equipped to join our Bench and serve the Placer County community,” said Presiding Judge Alan Pineschi.

Mr. Erkel was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1980. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California in 1976 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 1980.

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